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COCKTAIL PARTY

MONDAY, April 7 ----- Clubrooms, 1475 Broadway
5:30 to 7:30 P. M. ----Members \$1; Guests: \$1.50

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ROBERT MONTAGNE

College de France Professor and Authority
on Moslem Affairs in North Africa

ERIC HAWKINS

Editor, Paris Edition
New York Herald Tribune

Recently in from Paris are two top experts in their respective fields. Robert Montagne is an expert on Moslem civilization who has spent years in Morocco and the Arab World. He is now director of the "Centre des Hautes Etudes d'Administration Musulmane" in Paris, and will speak briefly on "The Moslem World in Revolution".

Veteran newsman and Paris editor ERIC HAWKINS, who leaves for France the day after this event, will renew acquaintances, shake hands with old friends and answer questions. This will be an opportunity for many who haven't yet seen him both to welcome HAWKINS and bid him bon-voyage.

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CLUB CALENDAR

Awards Committee Meeting Clubrooms Wednesday, April 9, 5:45 PM

NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

ACTIVE: Spencer C. Valmy, public relations department, Shell Oil Company. China, 1944 to 1946, for Yank magazine and CBI Roundup. Proposed by CON GEBBIE; seconded by RALPH H. MAJOR, JR.

Gilbert E. Busch, Albert Frank-Guenther Law, Inc. Hawaii to Okinawa and Iwo Jima, November 1943 to May 1945, as U.S. Marine Corps correspondent, stringer for Leatherneck, Pacific edition of Stars & Stripes. Proposed by BURTON CRANE; seconded by RADER WINGET.

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GERALDINE SARTAIN has joined the Sub-Committee on General Arrangements for the Annual Dinner, according to Chairman N. F. ALLMAN.

Club Headquarters still needs volunteers to help address envelopes for invitations to the Annual Dinner. Please phone Janice Griffiths, executive secretary, Longacre 4-0174.

The Board of Governors at its last meeting March 25 voted to name TOM MALLEY head of a committee to be known as the "Foreign Journalists Liaison Committee", which will be a special OPC committee to explore a journalists exchange program.

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ROOM FOR RENT: Furnished room and bath, man, \$15 per week. Central Park West. Phone RUTH LLOYD, MA. 4-7660, or UL 5-2722.

DOROTHY FISCHER, just back from a Lake Worth, Fla., vacation, is doing volunteer work at OPC Headquarters ... The current issue of Coronet carries Past President W. W. CHAPLIN'S article, "We Must Survive", about a course in survival techniques taught Air Force personnel ... DIXON DONNELLY of Vision, in New York from Brazil for a month or so ... NOLA LUXFORD was on a panel of speakers at the Advertising Club March 27, and will narrate an Easter Sunday TV broadcast over ABC -- on the same program with President JOHN DALY ... SANFORD GRIFFITH postcards regards from Bonn, reports he'll spend several days in the Saar, then off to Paris and home ...

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OUR PRIZE-WINNING COLLEAGUES: Second prize in the news class of the annual photography contest held by the University of Missouri and the Encyclopaedia Britannica was won this year by Life's DAVID DOUGLAS DUNCAN ...

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CBS bureau chief in Tokyo, GEORGE HERMAN, reported on "World News with ROBERT TROUT" this week that he thinks "the armistice will be signed and the war ended before the elections, and probably before the nominating conventions" in July. "I believe," he said, "the negotiators at Panmunjom are going to reach an agreement sooner than you think ..."

MAIL BAG: From Munsan, Korea, this week comes word from RUTH KARPf that "this is official notice now that George (Barrett, New York Times) and I got married in Tokyo at the American Consulate on March 1, 3½ hours after I arrived. Currently we are honeymooning on the UN peace train (this is not a joke!) with daily trips to no-man's-land, repeat no-man's-land, to Panmunjom. You'll be interested to hear that there is a Panmunjom 'press club', the tiny ex-living room of a busted Korean thatched cottage, appropriately made of mud, and furnished luxuriously with a stove, table and six wooden chairs in various stages of colorful decomposition. This is where we talk to 'the enemy', specifically Alan Winnington, Peter Burchett and Chu Chi Ping, who are covering the talks for the Communists and whom the Communists use to plant ideas and leak news to which they don't want to commit themselves in the talking tent. It's all pretty fascinating.

"As far as I know, there are no OPCers on the train. But in Tokyo I ran across a whole slew of them. NBC's IRVING LEVINE was reading The Bulletin when I last saw him at the Radio Tokyo offices where all the papers and agencies have their cubicles. I also ran into Lt. Col. ROSWELL P. (Rosie) ROSENGREN, the minute I set foot in the PIO. He helloed and we recalled OPC on Valentine's Day. He's currently on a 'feet-finding' trip through Korea..."

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People Today editor ALLEN CHELIAS off to the Coast April 21, allegedly "on business", for a fortnight ... The Institute on Christian Action at St. Joseph, Mo., and the Institute on World Affairs, a yearly forum at Texas Christian University, heard LEO IANIA speak last month ... DEVERE ALLEN, editor of Worldover Press, Wilton, Conn., is on an extended trip from which he will return early this month ...

DOROTHY THOMPSON will shortly visit the Middle East on a mission of good will sponsored by the recently-organized American Friends of the Middle East. She'll visit Libya, Egypt, Anglo Egyptian Sudan, Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Israel, Iraq, Iran Kuwait and Saudi Arabia to convey the good wishes of the organization and of Americans generally to the people of the Middle Eastern countries ... On May 1 DANIEL L. SCHORR, Christian Science Monitor correspondent, flies to New York for his first home leave in almost four years. He'll remain here six weeks. SCHORR went to Holland in May, 1948, to cover the first Congress of Europe for the Monitor; proceed to Indonesia (where he broke a story of a secret UN compromise plan that got him talked about in the Security Council). Back in Europe, he has been covering Benelux for the Monitor, New York Times and London Daily Mail. A story in the Monitor won him the first William the Silent Award (gold medal and \$2,500). He will be staying in New York at 138 Jessup Avenue ...

The Overseas Press Club extends deepest condolences to RALPH CONISTON, whose wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Keen Coniston, died on March 30 in Overbrook, Pa., after several weeks illness. CONISTON is American manager of Agence France-Presse, with offices in New York.

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CLINTON GREEN, former foreign correspondent for the New York Times, has been appointed chief information officer in Tokyo for the State Department's International Information Administration ... The April issue of Canada's New Liberty magazine carries a profile of Eva Peron, authored by SERGE FLIEGERS ... OPC wishes a "get-well-quick" to LUCY GOLDSMITH, reported ailing for several months ... ART RICKERBY off to Denmark for the Hans Christian Andersen festival and ten days stay ... AL ALMEN of the AP Latin American desk in New York has just returned from a three-week assignment in Central America, most of it devoted to a study of the extent of Communist penetration there. He reports New York's March weather is a relief after the blistering mid-summer heat of Nicaragua and El Salvador ...

"This is the life!", postcards ELLISEVA SAYERS from Miami Beach.

"After four days, brown as a berry. Right after the snowstorm in New York (3½ hours to be exact), landed in the mild sunshine of Atlanta, then next day in this wonderful sunshine..."

Commentator HENRY J. TAYLOR slated to appear on the video show, "America's Town Meeting of the Air" on Easter Sunday with Admiral Zacharias in a two-man talk on the Far East situation. He's also set for the initial round table of George Hamilton Combs' new midnight-to-3 a.m. program for ABC ...

"We went commercial as far as Cyprus and the RAF flew us into the Canal Zone from there. Had a jolly good time sleeping in a tent in the barbed wire enclosure near Ismailia, working from seven in the morning until dusk. Did sound interviews with General Erskine, British troopers and outraged Egyptians who claimed the British had looted the town when they occupied it. Think we got good pro-con coverage. CHARLIE and GENE went on a desert patrol and got them shooting at two 'wog cable-cutters.'...Expect to leave here in five days for Turkey to shoot a show on the Turkish-Russian frontier where an American trained-and-equipped Turk army stands ready, then back on the road again. Prize crack of the safari; as we drove into the Canal Zone garrison, one of the sentries gasped, 'Gore' Blimey, they's correspondents and they've brought a bloomin' female with 'im.'"

(The following information was obtained from the records of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.)

THE OVERSEAS TICKER

gone to Korea where he will be assigned by Eighth Army. Colonel Welch was and still is General Ridgway's public information officer ... Maj. JACK NEWMAN, USAF, is the new officer-in-charge of the Armed Forces Radio Station in Tokyo ...

ROBERT STROTHER of Reader's Digest is a popular newcomer to the Far East Command ... This week's approved-for-entry list includes the names of MARGARET BOURKE-WHITE of Life, Leif Erickson (Associated Press) and David Ward (Liberty Broadcasting System) ...

The Tokyo Correspondents Club is unusually quiet these days ... Pete Kalischer, long time United Presser, is writing for Collier's ... INS is beaming with pride because

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"Ray" Steinberg and Dave Cicero were both nominaged for OPC Annual Awards ... James Michener made 3,000 new friends with his terrific stories about the U.S.S. "Essex".
-- (HAZEL SHORE).

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MEXICO CITY DATELINE: -- (Special to The Bulletin) -- Twenty-six visiting American newspapermen arrived in the Mexican capital recently as guests of the Mexican Government. They were being shown Mexico's progress of the last few years; the idea for the junket was conceived by the Mexican National Tourist Commission. Included were Bert Andrews, New York Herald Tribune; Newsweek's Vera Clay; Joseph Ripley of the Christian Science Monitor's Washington bureau; Virgil Pinkley, publisher of the Los Angeles Mirror and others...

Given the luxury treatment most of the way, the correspondents were surprised to find they were slated to make one 15-mile trip on a railroad handcar (to see a new freight terminal in construction). Among gifts were products of Mexico's new canneries, including canned worms (that's right; a Mexican delicacy)... A recent luncheon of the Foreign Correspondents Association of Mexico broke on the front pages of Mexico's biggest dailies when the guest speaker, publisher Rodrigo de Llano of Excelsior, attacked Argentina for its press policy, without being aware that the Argentine press attache in Mexico was a fellow guest at the luncheon. The Argentine diplomat begged to refute Llano's criticism that Argentina's suppression of certain liberties had caused economic difficulties, including the meat shortage there. His answer: "There is a meat shortage because the people have eaten all the meat".

Sydney Gruson, newly-appointed Mexico correspondent for the New York Times, has moved into a new home in San Angel, together with wife, Flora Lewis, and two children, Gruson recently achieved the unusual feat of getting a Mexican bullfight story on page one of the Times ... CHARLES GUPTIL, new AP bureau chief in Mexico, will return to the States for his family (where his children are finishing the school year) after covering the present Mexican presidential campaign which ends with balloting July 6 ...

BOB BENJAMIN and wife heading for Manhattan (he's Vision regional director with headquarters in Mexico) the first part of April, by plane. Ditto for JOHN WILHELM and family the latter part of April, but by car. WILHELM just finished a Mexican cover story for Business Week's issue of April 5 ... Larry Stuntz of AP will be going home on leave, during the summer, to return to Mexico thereafter ...

Martin O'Neil, Time magazine bureau chief in Mexico for the past two years, will be shifted to Europe shortly, according to word received here. Martin, now in New York, has found the altitude in Mexico not to his liking. -- (JOHN WILHELM).

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HOCHSTETTER TAKES DIM VIEW) LEO HOCHSTETTER, information chief for the Mutual
OF SITUATION IN INDO-CHINA;) Security Agency in Indo-China gave an informative, although
SAYS FINAL VICTORY FAR OFF) partly off-the-record, talk at a Clubrooms cocktail party
on March 27. Indo-China, HOCHSTETTER said, "today is a
hemorrhage on France and, so, on the rest of the free world." He pointed out that at least
15 French divisions that could be used in Europe are pinned down in the Far East.

Declaring that "indo-China is in a mess and the U.S. is right in the middle of that mess," HOCHSTETTER said the Asians "draw their inspiration from the American Revolution, the Japanese conquest and world Communism." He said he did not think the Chinese Reds would join in the conflict.

"Final victory," he reported, "is nowhere in sight for our side or for the enemy".

GUEST BOOK: Two GERALDINES -- SARTAIN and FITCH, just back from California and a round-the-world trip, respectively; RUTH LLOYD, TOM MALLEY, ARTHUR RICKERBY ... PAUL VAJDA, HELEN ZOTOS, BETTY WASSON and JERRY HANNIFIN ... MARY HORNADAY, Vice President WILLIAM P. GRAY, ELMER BORSUK. HAL LEHRMAN, whose participation in two previous programs was omitted in past Bulletins due to space difficulties was also present, though not taking part this time. The book prize, "Japan in Pictures", published by the Tokyo News Service, was won by MADELINE ROSS. Thanks to JOHN MOROSO for coverage of this meeting.

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